



Tuesday 9 September 2025

Dear parents and caregivers

Welcome to Week Eight.

God the Father, bless all fathers and father figures as they care for their families. Give them strength and wisdom, tenderness and patience. Pour your abundant blessings upon them. Amen.

Father's Day Breakfast and Liturgy

It was heartwarming to see so many of our families join us for the Father's Day Breakfast and Liturgy last Friday. A special thank you to our dedicated staff, parents and P&F who were at school from 7:00am toasting just over 350 toasties! I must also thank Miss Leventhal and our amazing Pre-primary students who led the Father's Day Liturgy...such a beautiful way to celebrate our dads and other male role models.

P&F Quiz Night

A huge thank you to everyone who joined us for the P&F Quiz Night-it was an incredible evening filled with laughter, friendly competition and fantastic prizes! Special thanks to our amazing organisers: Tara Cabassi, Candice Turner, Ash Reeves, Anna Clune, Kelly Abbott, Mani Oliver, Amy O'Brien and Ginette Black. And of course, thank you to Gigi from Bamboozled Quiz Masters for keeping us on our toes all night!

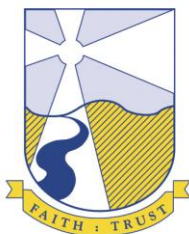
Thanks to the generosity and spirit of our school community, an impressive \$4,400 was raised to directly benefit our students at St Joseph's. What a wonderful celebration of fun and fundraising!

New Picnic Tables

Another thank you to our wonderful P&F for generously purchasing five more outdoor picnic seating sets for our students. These additions will be a fantastic asset to our school grounds and will no doubt be enjoyed by many. I also extend my sincere thanks to Mr Gavin Savage for kindly giving his time to assemble the tables-your support is truly appreciated. We look forward to seeing our students making the most of this new seating!

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Lion's public Speaking Competition Zone Heats

We are incredibly proud to announce that Maxwell Forman (Year Three), Brax Hague-Tyson (Year Five), and Stephanie Fahl (Year Six) have been invited to represent St Joseph's at the Lion's Public Speaking Competition Zone Heats for Years 5 and 6 on Thursday 11 September and Years 3 and 4 on Tuesday 16 September. This is a wonderful achievement and a testament to their confidence, communication skills and commitment to learning. We wish them all the very best as they prepare to showcase their talents-what a fantastic opportunity to shine!

R U OK? Day

The theme for R U OK? Day on Thursday 11 September is 'Ask RUOK? Any Day'. This is our National Day of Action when we remind Australians that every day is the day to ask, 'are you OK?' and check in with family and friends on their well-being. Students will be participating in various classroom activities to encourage them to ask, 'R U OK?' Ask, Listen, Encourage Action and Check In.

Year One Prayer Liturgy

Please join us for the Year One Prayer Assembly, Friday 12 September in the Assembly Hall at 8:45am. I look forward to seeing you then.

Maths Wizard Awards

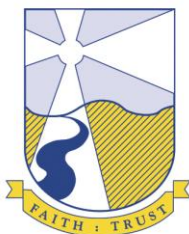
Please join us Monday 15 September in the Assembly Hall at 8:45am as students receive their Maths Wizard Awards!

Write A Book in a Day

Selected students from Years Five and Six will be writing a book in a day, Thursday 16 September. Our St Joseph's Team, under the guidance of the wonderful Mrs O'Dwyer, will write and design an entire book in just 12 hours and raise vital funds to support kids' cancer research. Not only does this challenge develop collaboration, creativity and time management skills, but gives our students the opportunity to make a difference to the lives of kids with cancer. I wish our team all the very best!

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**Interschool Athletics Carnival**

Selected students from Years 3 to 6 will be representing St Joseph's at the Interschool Athletics Carnival on Wednesday 17 September, hosted at Glencoe Primary School. Our students will be competing alongside peers from Glencoe Primary, Austin Cove Baptist Primary and Mother Teresa Catholic College. Details from Mr Henry regarding event logistics and student preparation were sent home today.

Year 2 Prayer Assembly

Please join us Friday 19 September in the Assembly Hall at 8:45am for Year 2 Prayer assembly.

Mandurah Catholic College (MCC) Taster Day

On Friday 19 September, our Year Four students will have the exciting opportunity to attend the MCC Taster Day. The experience will give them a glimpse into secondary school life through a variety of hands-on activities, engaging lessons and a chance to explore the vibrant MCC community. Thank you to MCC for hosting such a welcoming and inspiring event!

Open Night

A reminder about St Joseph's Open Night, Wednesday 24 September, 3:30pm to 5:30pm. Please mark this date in your family's calendar. Please note our IT providers, Catalytic, will be in attendance. If you have any queries/issues regarding your child's school iPad...functionality, apps, etc, please see James in the STREAM centre on the night.

Quality Catholic Education (QCE) Awards

St Joseph's has entered the 2025 QCE Awards in the 'Community' and 'Stewardship' categories with our 'Friend-o-Leader' program and 'Guided by the Spirit' staff faith formation.

Community category-Our Year 5 and 6 Friend-o-Leaders support younger students with friendship challenges, promoting a kind and inclusive playground. Using the URSTRONG framework, they help resolve minor conflicts and build a positive school culture.

Stewardship category-St Joseph's staff took part in a creative faith formation day focused on the Holy Spirit, deepening spiritual connection and strengthening Catholic identity through art, scripture, and reflection.



Please use the links below to vote for our nominations. Just add your name, email and click on the 'vote' tab and help our students get the recognition they deserve.

<https://awards.cewa.edu.au/nomination/friend-o-leaders/>
<https://awards.cewa.edu.au/nomination/guided-by-the-spirit/>

Code of Conduct

As outlined in previous newsletters, I'll be sharing simple summaries of each of the 12 Code of Conduct statements to help us all better understand and uphold these shared expectations.

Statement Nine-You promote and preserve the trust and privilege inherent in your relationship with all members of the school community.

At St Joseph's, we are committed to creating a safe, respectful, and caring environment for every child. Staff work hard to build trusting relationships with students and families, always keeping the wellbeing of children at the heart of everything we do.

We understand that children can be vulnerable, and we take extra care to protect their emotional, physical, and social safety. Our team maintains clear boundaries and communicates openly and respectfully with families, ensuring that parents are informed and involved in decisions that affect their child.

We also recognise that sometimes staff may have personal connections with families outside of school, and we always act in the best interests of the child when navigating these relationships.

Thank you for your continued trust and partnership in supporting your child's learning and wellbeing.

Once again, thank you to our incredible staff, students, and families.

Your continued support and commitment show that when we come together as a community, we can achieve remarkable things. Every contribution-big or small-makes a meaningful difference to our St Joseph's family.

Thank you for all that you do.

God bless,

Ms Vanessa Gangell - Principal

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